UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/13/64

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 2/13/64, in the above-captioned matter. Referenced memorandum furnished the Director with details concerning the incident at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, on 11/22/63, involving SA J. Doyle Williams of the Dallas Office who was stopped by two Secret Service Agents who were on duty in the corridor adjacent to the room where President Kennedy died.

The Director approved the recommendation that Liaison should take up this entire situation with Chief Rowley of the U. S. Secret Service (USSS) and express our displeasure over the handling of this matter by agents of his service.

On 2/13/64, Liaison Agent Bartlett called on Mr. James J. Rowley, Chief, USSS, and related to him the facts concerning this incident and expressed the Bureau's displeasure and concern over the handling of this situation by two USSS Agents. It was clearly pointed out to Mr. Rowley that our Agent was at the hospital on official business and withexpress instructions from the Director to assist in any way that the FBI could. It was further pointed out that SA Williams had clearly identified himself and had left the pertinent area of the hospital to use a telephone in another part of the building and in doing so identified himself on several occasions; that when Agent Williams returned to the area outside the President's door where he previously had been, he was following the Chief Nurse, Mrs. Nelson, who announced to the Secret Service Agents that a Special Agent of the FBI was with her and that at this moment two Secret Service Agents, in restraining our Agent, knocked him to the floor. Mr. Rowley was advised that this action on the part of his men was totally unnecessary.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Mr. Rowley asked that his sincere apologies be relayed to the Director and that he is sincerely sorry that this incident occurred. He advised that he knows full well that FBI Agents are extremely careful in identifying themselves and that he attributes the action on the part of his men to the tenseness of the situation at the moment. Mr. Rowley said that at the moment this incident took place, it was very possible that his men did not know that the President was actually dead and therefore the possibility that an accomplice of the assassin could have tried to enter the hospital and "finish the job" existed.

Mr. Rowley then recounted that the feeling of cooperation between the Bureau and the USSS, including the working Agents, has never been better than it is at the present time. He assured Liaison Agent Bartlett that he will do everything in his power to maintain full cooperation with the Bureau.

ACTION:

For information.